RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A portion of the saving is due to the work of the Special Officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : That is why I wish to know the approximate idea of saving effected, so that there may be established some connection between the officer and the question at issue.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Is the Standardisation Special Officer directed to consult the Superintendent, Government Press, in his work ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretray to Government*) : Whenever necessary, he consults the Superintendent, Government Press.

MR. K. R. ELANKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether he has been given directions to do so ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Christian Clerks in the Secretariat.

57. ***MR. ANTONY GEORGE** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of higher grade Christian clerks in the Secretariat ;

(*b*) of these whether there are any Latin Christians ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ;

(*d*) how many Latin Christian graduates have applied for the post of higher grade clerks in the Secretariat for the last three years and how many have been entertained in service ; and

(*e*) how many of the lower grade clerks in the Secretariat are Christians and of them how many are Latins ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 21

(*b*) There is one Latin Christian who is on other duty as Ag. Tahsildar.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) There were 17 applicants from Latin Christian graduates. No one has been entertained during the last 3 years.

(*e* There are 8 Christians in the Lower Grade. None of them is of Latin-rite.

MR. ANTONY GEORGE (*Nominated*) : In answer to part (*d*), may I know, amongst 17 applicants, why not one Latin Christian has been appointed ?

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RAO. SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : In the matter of appointments, the claims of all communities have to be considered and it so happened that the Latin Christian's turn has not come.

MR. ANTONY GEORGE (*Nominated*) : May I know, is it by turns that the clerks are appointed ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think there is some sort of rotation followed, but it is not always possible to follow it strictly.

MR. ANTONY GEORGE (*Nominated*) : Since there are no Latin Christian clerks in the Secretariat, may I know why nobody was appointed from among the 17 applicants ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no hard and fast rule laid down in the matter of recruitment and it is not possible to give appointments to all communities alike.

MR. ANTONY GEORGE (*Nomiatned*) : Are there any special reasons not appointing any Latin Christian during the last three years?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : May I know the number of Mar Thoma Christians appointed ?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : I rise to a point of order. How does that question arise when the main question refers to Latin Christians ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Relevancy is a question of degree.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : Sir, in that case, any member might ask about the appointment of all the other communities, so much so there will be no end to questions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The Chair is not bound to give advice in these matters. There was a point raised by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai and that has been answered. So there is nothing before the House which would entitle any member to rise to a point of order. When the difficulty actually comes, the point of order will be answered.

MR R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : A word of explanation, Sir, I was only speaking on the same point raised by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai. As my question has been ruled out by the Chair, I am bound to obey that.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I beg to move an adjournment of the House.

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